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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Wilmer H. Balderson. (c/o Postmaster, New York City). It is a long, long trip over here and since I had no carrier pigeons in my barracks bag it was rather difficult to keep anyone informed as to where I was. For the most part I didn't know myself other than that I was somewhere on the high seas.....You may be interested to know that I surprised myself in turning out to be a good sailor. Not once did I have to go to the rail, and it was rather crowded with some of my "mates".....I can't give you the route we took nor the boat we made the trip on, but it was quite an experience and one I won't forget for many a day. My first impression of India was that it would afford me much to talk about in my letters back home but now I know it is best to withhold what I have seen until such time as we can sit around and talk as we did in the days of peace and security.....I will tell you, however, that I am much more comfortably situated than I thought possible. We live in huts and sleep on very primitive beds but have plenty to eat. A typical breakfast consists of either eggs and bacon, or hot cakes and bacon or French toast and bacon. My record thus far is six hot cakes and half a dozen eggs, so if you folks back home don't get what you have been used to eating, just blame it on me. In addition to having exceptionally good meals, we also can get a nice dish of ice cream every evening. The ice cream is not usually on the menu, but we can get it at our club for a rupee (30¢) a plate. The weather now is quite delightful, the days are warm and the nights are cool. This is not to last long, however, and when it begins to get warm old thermometer hovers around 130 during the day and 110 at night. And they gave us afternoons off in Washington when it got hot!

Kenneth L. Rice. (Kearns, Utah.) The Army isn't bad at all so far. The Medical Detachment of the Air Corps is a new branch of the service and this is a new camp only about 7 months old. The Rockies surround us and they are really pretty.



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SOMETHING TO DWELL ON

The newspapers as well as the Congressional Record reprinted it when Senator Gillette of Iowa read the pledge, found written on the diary flyleaf of Martin Trepton, of Cherokee, Ia., after his death in the battle of Chateau Thierry:

"America must win this war. Therefore I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure; I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

Senator Gillette suggested that members of Congress might do well to recite it daily, after the opening prayer.

So might we all.

NEW BOOKS AT THE CLUB LIBRARY

Number One by John Dos Passos
Life in a Putty Knife Factory by H. Allen Smith
Eleven Came Back by Mabel Seeley
Seven Came Through by Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker
This is Murder, Mr. Jones by Timothy Fuller
There was an Old Woman by Ellery Queen
Experiment Perilous by Margaret Carpenter

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employees to Service:

McFadden, Leville F.	Kongs, Clarence H.
Goldberger, Benj. H.	Graham, Nigel T.
Sorrell, Sherwood M.	Coultis, William
Prewitt, Richard M.	Denman, Bruce F.
Chronister, Sam J.	Roberts, Watkins B.
Bayless, Arthur C.	

TOTAL - 136

Strictly Personal



Solicitor's Office. Frank Gallagher transferred to Chicago and Albert Parker returned to Washington, both to the Solicitor's Office to work on FDA matters. Claire Katz came to us from the OEM and we're glad to have her.

Examination. We received a letter from our WAAC, Emma Ree Hubbs, telling us she had arrived at Des Moines. She was enjoying the initialed gold bracelet given her by her friends here.....Rosella Reiff spent 2 days at her home in Carroll, Iowa.....Dorothy Wilson has returned to work after spending 4 days getting her husband off to the Army Air Corps training field at Des Moines.....Nina Morrow was called to Dallas because of the illness of her father.....We miss Harry Armstrong who left recently for Houston to take up his duties as Resident Examiner.

Stenographic. Lillian Wortman spent a pleasant week at her home in Alton, Ill... Rosemary Dawes has been detailed to Mrs. Moyer in Personnel....Maurine Kavanaugh is enjoying a visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. T. White, from Los Angeles.....There has been a new addition to the Proofreading Section. Mrs. Violet Heim announces the birth of a son, Raymond Larry, on February 27.

Finance & Accounts. Corrine Matter is on detail to Personnel.....Olga Markham has returned from a short vacation at her home in Adrian, Missouri.....Charlotte Renne was presented with a Lifetime Shaeffer fountain pen before she left for her new position in the Solicitor's Office, Washington, D. C.....Mr. Gray has returned from his home in Orlando, Florida, where he was called by the recent death of his father.

Personnel. Polly McCoy has returned from a visit with her family at Shambaugh, Iowa.....Polly and Peggy Wilkinson are off this week for New York to report for duty with the SPARS.....Elbert Smith has returned from a field trip to the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Dean Smith, who was his brother's guest for several days, accompanied him as far as Everett, Washington. Virginia Murrell threw the Classification Unit into a mild uproar the other day when it was discovered she was wearing a new diamond ring, the gift of Lt. A. L. Koch, Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, Va.....Nellie Mellott has left for a visit in Washington before entering the SPARS.

General Files. Marie Hollis, now Mrs. Hubert Denton, certainly surprised the entire General Files by taking the "big step" Friday morning, February 5th. Mr. Denton is in the Navy and is now stationed in Chicago.....Donald Skow, of the Coast Artillery, is now taking 13-week "basic training" at Camp Pendleton in West Virginia.....We are glad to hear that Mr. Whitaker's wife is on the road

to recovery after a serious operation.... A card shower was given Miss Pienkert's mother, who celebrated her 85th birthday on St. Patrick's Day....Walter Kowalski is being inducted into the Army Air Corps the latter part of March. He will take his training at Kelly Field. Walter's brother is being inducted into the Marines this month too. Walter is now visiting his parents.....A shower was given for Marie Denton Monday, March 15.. Mr. Ballard's son was operated on for appendicitis, March 10.....Mrs. Ruth visited her husband at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station last week end..... Ellis Short was inducted into the armed forces March 17.....Glen Williams has written that he is now going to a specialist school at Ft. Francis E. Warren near Cheyenne, Wyoming. He has been made an assistant instructor.....Mrs. Zelma Dashner visited her father in Oklahoma City last week end.

RACC of Washington. Betty DeGraffenreid has returned to work after spending a week with her husband at his parents' home prior to his entering the Army..... We welcome Loren Chase, J. E. McJenkin, Lillian Masse, Pat Thompson, and Margaret Boebinger to our section.

Mortgage Corporation Service Division. R. R. Kuykendall, in Kansas City on business for the Navy Department, dropped in the other day for a visit.....Art Hendricks who recently resigned to practice law reports he has now opened his offices and is ready for "all comers".....The W. J. McNamees have a new daughter, Betty, born March 17, weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. The whole division had a party March 20 at the home of Mr. Guill.

Land Bank. A farewell luncheon was held at the Muehlebach Hotel for William H. Snyder by a group of his office associates on Wednesday, March 17. Mr. Snyder is leaving the FCA to accept a position with the Budget Bureau in Washington, D.C. There were about 22 in attendance.....

Lila Stefan returned to work after a week's illness with the measles.

Production Credit. Margaret Frew has been entertaining her sister, Ruth, from Washington, D. C.....Two recent additions to the Division are Julia A. Norton and Mildred Wilkins from the Stenographic Unit, who are acting as secretaries for Mr. Esgate and Mr. Basart respectively during the extended furloughs of Mae Reed and Chloe Fullerton.....Margaret Frew is in Washington, Iowa, this week where she will attend the wedding of a friend and take part in the ceremony as a soloist.

Reference Unit. Laura Miller is back with us after an extended illness..... Bernita Noland and Olive Ketchem are studying Spanish at Pan American..... Roberta Hendee is playing string bass with the DeRubertis orchestra.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Among the Washington visitors recently were Bill Snyder, W. J. Snow, Verne Simmons, and Bea Flick.....FCA employees who remember Florence Griffith in Personnel will be pleased to learn that she has recently been appointed Chief of the CS Unit in the FSA.....Coastguardsman Tony Albamonte dropped in to say "hello" and we were very glad to see Gordon Leith, Lt. JG. USN, who has just returned from Africa and other points.....Volunteer blood donors to the plasma bank from Liaison to date have been Grace McGuire and Mrs. Jean Buckley. (Looks as tho we'll have to get busy here to keep up with K.C.!).....If readers of "USDA" will refer to the February 20 issue, they will find M. C. Gay and George Crown and "Anonymous" (we have it on good authority that it was a CR&S employee) all in print. Anyone writing for information on "Victory Gardens" to the Department will be glad to know that we have loaned one employee to assist in the rush mailing of the pamphlets, as have all other bureaus here.....Every day we hear nice compli-

ments on the "Grapevine" and how much service men appreciate their copies. Don't forget to caution our new SPARS to write some news items when they report for duty.

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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Major H. N. Weigandt. (Pulaski, Va.) The FCC's Christmas remembrance was very much appreciated. It was genuinely nice to be thus remembered and you may be assured that we in the armed forces are grateful for your thoughtfulness. The "Grapevine" is such a nice little publication and aids us in keeping in touch with those we left and those called into the service. Walter L. Rader was given an appointment to an Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir and emerged with a commission as 2nd Lt. of Engineers. He married a young Canadian girl and took his bride with him to Camp Claiborne, La. He is now a 1st Lt.....My duties are those normally required of a Military Intelligence Officer and are both interesting and enlightening. In addition, I serve as the Public Relations Officer, Survey Officer, and Training-within-Industry Officer.....Through the medium of the "Grapevine," kindly express my warmest greetings to those who knew me as a member of the great FCA family.

Joseph P. Kudlack. (Marine Air Station, El Centro, California.) Thanks ever so much for the holiday greetings.....We have been shifted around quite a bit and at the present time have hit our fourth location....Our job is a Marine Scout Bombing Squadron and our training at this station is just about over. Next in line will come the real thing. Sure would appreciate being put on the mailing list for the Club paper.

Corporal Samuel Friedman. (Chanute Field, Illinois.) I think it's a swell idea to send the "Grapevine" to the men

in the service. I graduated as a radio operator and mechanic from Scott Field Radio School and was shipped to Chanute Field where we are going to an advanced school to be Radio Control Tower Operators. This course will take about 10 weeks and when we finish we'll be ready for duty on the field.....I finally received a promotion to corporal and those stripes sure feel swell on my sleeve.

Charles O. Nelson. (c/o Postmaster, Los Angeles, California.) I'm out here in the middle of the California desert on maneuvers. About all you can do is think. We are in the field most of the time eating canned rations, sleeping on the ground and drinking, washing, and shaving out of one canteen of water a day. You can see we don't wash or shave very often.....I'm in a motorized division which means we go in front of the main body of troops so we can set up our guns and get started in a hurry. I'm in a heavy machine gun company and it's pretty rough.

Edwin C. Ward. (Army Air Base, Salinas, California.) This is a small air base about 100 miles south of San Francisco. The finance office is well staffed and we don't have to work too hard in order to get 'em paid. At present I am in the enlisted pay section and find the work very interesting. We rate a 24-hour pass once a week and a 3-day pass once a month, so our morale doesn't suffer.

Leland Charles Geiss. (Ellington Field, Texas.) Thanks very much for sending the Club paper.....It seems like old times again to read of familiar names and places. I finished the Airplane Mechanics' Course at Sheppard Field and am now going to the Bombardier Preflight school here. It is really very tough, the lessons are hard and the exercises are stiff, but the food and the officers are very good.

Kenneth E. Caldwell. (Aviation Cadet, U. S. Navy, Liberty, Mo.) Only 3 more weeks remaining to our course here in Liberty. Under the present set-up issued from the skipper's office, we will go to CPT next for 2 months, to Preflight for 3 months and then to an advanced base to complete our training.....Three new officers came in from Iowa City last week and they are spending their time on the physical fitness program. They have built an obstacle course with a 6-ft. wall to go over, hurdles, zig-zagging courses and other things. Several of the fellows get so tired going around it they collapse and sprawl out over the floor. This doesn't bother the "torture trio," they make them go back and run it all over again.

Capt. Lawrence E. Mullally. (Oakland, California.) I enjoyed receiving the "Grapevine" and hope you will continue to send it to me. It was like receiving a personal letter to read the excerpts from Dave Stanley's note. Last November I was attending an Army school in Chicago and at that time Baldy Balderson went through on his way overseas. I have never heard from Baldy since and am rather anxious to know where he is. (Ed. note: Pvt. W. H. Balderson, 33182770, 493 Bombardment Squadron, 7th Bomb Group, A.P.O. 886, c/o Postmaster, New York City.) I am acting as Intelligence Officer and Head of the Contracts and Supply Sections for the U. S. District Engineer. In looking over the "Grapevine," I noticed a letter from H. A. Lake. Seems like he, too, has an administrative job. I am unable to determine where he is stationed. (Ed. note: Capt. H. A. Lake, A.V.S., Newark Athletic Club, Newark, N. J.) Paul Ritter is now a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the U. S. Coast Guard. His last letter was written from the "U.S.S. Comanche"....My best regards to all the gang at Farm Credit, with a particular remembrance to my cohorts in the Legal Division.

OUR CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR?

Paul Simpson, Head Analyst in the Cooperative Division, stationed at San Francisco, California, has contributed 5 times to the blood bank at San Francisco. We believe he holds the record for contributions by employees of the FCA Central Office. (AED)

NOTICE

Any employees who made appointments to donate blood during Farm Credit Blood Donor Week, or who do so at any other time, and who were not accepted at the Center as blood donors, are asked to notify Miss Quimby, room 2118, extension 338.

ADDRESSES WANTED

The following service men are not getting the "Grapevine" for lack of a known address. If you can tell us where to address them, call Catherine Hardy, extension 228.

Boyd, Mervin D.
Drumheller, Ralph
Harrington, Mayne A.
Herwaldt, David
Jackson, Carl N.
Kiefer, Edward J.
LeBlanc, Stanley L.
McKenzie, H. Frank
Peterson, Dayton M.
Pugh, Franklin
Reid, Robert N.
Seanor, Burton R.
Short, George O.
Sigler, Phares
Smith, Woodrow W.
Svalberg, David L.
Thomas, Ernest G.
Tiley, Ed. H., Jr.
Wiley, Wm. W., Jr.
Wright, Harvey C.

Also, please keep Miss Hardy informed of changes in addresses of employees who have recently entered the services.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Farrar, 4-year-old son of Lt. and Mrs. Ben Goldberger, has romantic and exaggerated ideas of what the Auditorium contains. Ever since the circus was here he thinks of his mother's office as a place abounding in lions, tigers, and elephants.

The other day, in a telephone conversation, he inquired, "Mother, what are those monkeys down there doing today?"

"WAGS" MEET FRIDAY

The Farm Credit Club "WAGS" will participate in a discussion of the topic, "The Problem of Farm Labor," at their Friday, March 26, dinner meeting. Each member is urged to bring one or two guests. Leaders will be Faye Hanley, Chairman, Pearl Ferguson, and Lucile Reynolds. (RSH)

HOBBY SHOW COMMITTEE NAMED

A committee has been selected to sponsor the forthcoming Farm Credit Club Hobby Show which has been scheduled for May 25-26. Members are Cynthia Goldberger, W. S. Harris, Anna S. Messinger, Alice Padden, Thomas W. Pritchard, and Charles Ritter.

The Hobby Show will include pictures taken by amateur photographers.

The last exhibit included South American souvenirs, photographs of how to build a boat, paintings, antiques of various sorts, wood carving, a collection of feminine handkerchiefs, and numerous others. Doll collections are favorite exhibits. Everybody who exhibited last time is encouraged to exhibit again. If you are not sure your hobby will qualify for exhibition purposes, get an opinion from one of the Committee members.

Hobbyists, please fill out and return to Alice Padden, room 1411, the form enclosed.

Soldiers, send us souvenirs for the Hobby Show.

FCA EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS INCREASE

FCA employees in the first 2 months of 1943 more than doubled their rate of saving in the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union compared to the last 2 months of 1942. Shares bought and deposits made on shares in January and February amounted to \$4,003 compared to \$1,838 in November and December. The rate of saving was undoubtedly accelerated by the larger pay checks received by most members and the need for laying aside money to use later to pay income taxes.

The source of credit created by these savings went to other members who needed funds for various purposes. Loans totaling \$5,359 were closed in the 2 months of 1943. About 20 percent of this amount went to pay income taxes and the remainder was used for various purposes including debt consolidation, the payment of doctor and hospital bills, insurance premiums, and school tuition, the expenses of emergency travel, the purchase of clothing and household equipment and for a number of other miscellaneous purposes.

To maintain credit union service it is equally important to have borrowers as well as savers. Any FCA employee who is borrowing from other sources might find it profitable to investigate the possibilities of a credit union loan. (MP)

STAMP SALES MOUNT

FCA employees in the 3-month period ending March 15 bought War Savings Stamps totaling \$245 at the reception desk at the 14th Street entrance. Many of the purchasers are regular customers. The \$25 supplied by the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union is used as a revolving fund in purchasing the stamps to be sold. (MP)



FCA MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Farm Credit basketball team walked away with a victory of 35 to 10 Thursday night, March 18, in a spirited game with Centropolis Baptist to finish the last game of the season. The Centropolis players were unable to break the strong defense set by the Farm Credit Tigers, who in the last half scored 21 points to their opponents' 5.

The players finishing the season for Farm Credit were Vencil Ward, Robert Chitwood, Kenneth Lowe, Vernon Houts, and Harry Stites.

IN APPRECIATION

The Farm Credit Club has received the following letter from Mrs. Blatchford Downing, Chairman of Recruiting of the local chapter of the Red Cross:

"We want to express our appreciation of the fine work you have done in co-operating with us, and the wonderful showing the Farm Credit Administration has made in sending Blood Donors.

"It is a great help to our organization when a group is handled so efficiently.

"We wish to thank each and every person who donated a pint of blood."

USE THE BLOOD BANK
TO SAVE--LIVES

SALUDOS AMIGOS!

You have no doubt met the 4 fellows with the Spanish accents and the South American ways. These men arrived last fall at the invitation of the Department of Agriculture to study the agricultural credit structure of this country, and are working under the direction of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Senor Casto Ferragut, Agricultural Engineer of the Department of Agriculture, Havana, Cuba, informs us that there are some 2,000 employees in the Department, and the Cuban Central Government employs approximately 75,000 people.

Senor Ramon Fernandez y Fernandez lives in Mexico City. In addition to his work as statistician and director of research for the National Agricultural Bank, Ramon is an instructor at the National Agricultural College and University of Mexico.

Senor Aquino, Agricultural Engineer of the Mortgage Bank of El Salvador, has been very complimentary about our Farm Credit system here. His bank, employing some 230 people, makes both long- and short-term loans.

Senor Jaime Burbano, Agricultural Engineer of the Department of Agriculture of Ecuador, is the only one of our guests who is from South America.

Soon these boys will leave, but meanwhile, as you see them around the FCA, borrow a line from Donald Duck and greet them with "Saludos Amigos!" (PEJ)

SPANISH LUNCHEON CLUB

Our Latin-American visitors who are studying agricultural credit here are attending our weekly Spanish conversation meetings which are held each Monday during the lunch period.

We are learning about Mexico, Cuba, Ecuador, and El Salvador, and there has been quite an exchange of information about the U. S. and these countries in Spanish. (AED)

PUBLICATIONS FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

FCA employees, who are now trying to get the most out of their money and coupons, might be aided by consulting publications to aid consumers which may be seen in the Farm Credit Club Library. Two consumer research groups are represented there.

The Consumers Union has two publications in the library, the monthly "Consumers Reports" and the annual "Buying Guide," (1938, 1939, 1940) Representative samples of widely used commodities are tested in the Union's own laboratories or by expert consultants, and are graded for consumers' information.

Consumers Research, Inc., also publishes a monthly report, "Consumers Research Bulletin," and an annual summary, "Consumers Research Annual Cumulative Bulletin." The latest issue of this annual report, the 1942-43 issue, is available, as well as a number of volumes of the monthly publication.

In the USDA Field Library, a publication of the Department of Agriculture may be obtained. This monthly entitled "Consumers' Guide," also carries a special wartime supplement, the "Consumers' Guide News Letter," which reports items of interest from various Government agencies.

TROOP TRAIN SPECIAL

It is reported that a train known as the "Arlington Special" will soon be leaving Union Station for Fort Leavenworth.